Food processing industries in Rajasthan

2113. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing industries in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have sanctioned any new projects in 2007-08;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of project applications received/sanctioned/rejected and pending during the last three years; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to prevent horticultural produce from going waste, due to lack of processing facilities in Rajasthan; and the probable estimate of the waste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing units. Food Processing Industries are both in organized and unorganized sectors and as such data of food processing units in the country, including that of Rajasthan, is not Centrally maintained.

During the last three years upto February 2007, a total of 97 applications were received from the State of Rajasthan. Out of this, 38 cases were approved, 50 cases are at various stages of processing and 9 cases were rejected/closed.

The Ministry has been taking various measures on a continuous basis to prevent wastage of agriculture produce due to lack of processing facilities. Under its infrastructure development scheme, assistance is given to entrepreneurs for setting up food parks, cold chain facilities, value added centres, etc. During the Eleventh Plan, revamped Scheme for infrastructure development envisages, *inter alia,* strengthening of supply chain and Cluster based demand driven farming which will provide cleaning, grading, sorting facilities at farm level, collection centres at Block level and distribution

centres where large quantities can be stored and supplied to Retail for fresh sale and to processing industries for processing. The scheme also envisages provision of reefer vans for transportation of produce from one centre to another at all levels. These measures are expected to result in reducing wastage on account of lack of cold storage and farmer getting better price for his produce.

The Ministry has also adopted Vision 2015, which aims to triple the size of food sector in 10 year's time by increasing the-level of processing of perishables from 6% to 20%, value addition from 20% to 35% and share in global trade from 1.5% to 3%. The Vision document envisages that the level of processing for fruits and vegetables to increase 10% and 15% in 2010 and 2015 respectively. The Action Plan covers, *inter alia,* research to focus on introducing new varieties in a few identified fruits and vegetables; increase production and productivity through introduction of new plant varieties; marketing and market intelligence measures covering, *inter alia,* amendment to APMC Act to enable direct farmer processor linkages, revamping of Government promotional schemes; and tax reforms/ concessions on fruit and vegetable based processed foods.

Food processing industries in Jharkhand

†2114. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries in Jharkhand which have been given approval during the last three years;

(b) the names of such food items which are processed; and

(c) the efforts being made for revival of sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for u'pgradation/modernization/establishmentoffood processing units. Under the above Scheme, an amount of Rs. 156.38 lakhs has been approved during the last three years for five food processing units comprising fruit

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